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"A Partner in Conservation Since 1935"

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<u>Purpose</u>. To provide information.

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The 70 years of Soil and Water Conservation in Minnesota is being celebrated on April 27. The theme for the 70th anniversary is "*A Partner in Conservation Since 1935.*" The Soil Conservation Service, predecessor to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, was created on April 27, 1935 by Public Law 46 (Seventy-Fourth Congress), which declared that *soil erosion was a menace to the National welfare* and authorized broad powers to the new agency to attack the problem.

A power point presentation has been developed for your use during the year-long celebration. The power point presentation can soon be obtained on the Minnesota website in the Power Point Library at http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/powerpoint.html. The power point presentation can be used in many ways such as local SWCD board meetings, FAC meetings and various other meeting which NRCS may be asked to give a presentation.

Under separate cover, each Area Office will be receiving a videotape entitled *A Partner in Conservation Since 1935* produced by the Communications Staff at National Headquarters. The video has dramatic archival film footage from the 1930's and continues up to NRCS as we know it today. Both the Regular Version and Subtitled Version are 4:58 minutes in length. Please contact your Area Office to reserve this video for your anniversary and/or other events. The State Office has one copy that can be reserved by contacting Julie MacSwain, Public Affairs Specialist.

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